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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites "an input device having an output connected to the memory device, to input the user-specific data into the memory device." The Examiner asserts that Jacobs teaches an input device 26 having an output 24 connected to the memory device. Applicants respectfully disagree. Jacob's input device 26 is a keypad and the output 24 is actually a display screen. Jacob's display screen 24 is not an output of the keypad 26.

Claim 1 also recites "the transmission device has a plurality of preconfigured transmission units each having an associated transmission method, and a selection device to select one or more preconfigured transmission devices." The Examiner asserts that this feature is taught in Jacobs at pg. 7, line 9 through pg. 8, line 18. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Jacobs discloses one mobile unit 12, but fails to mention anything about additional mobile units. Even if one could assume that the system may include multiple units, Jacobs is totally silent with regard to associated transmission methods or a selection device to select one or more preconfigured transmission devices. The portion of Jacobs cited to by the Examiner fails to support the assertions made in the Action.

Thus, Jacobs fails to teach or suggest the features of claim 1. The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies.

Claims 6 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobs in view of Mark (U.S. Patent 5,825,871). Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobs in view of Heinonen et al. (U.S. Patent 5,887,266). Claims 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobs in view of Kohda et al. (U.S. Pub. 2001/0011299). These rejections are respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

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Jacobs fails to teach or suggest the features of the independent claim 1. The remaining references fail to overcome the deficiencies of Jacobs, and thus the dependent claims are allowable for the foregoing reasons. Applicants request that these rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122021700.

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